

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SALUTING THE SPIRIT OF WALTER PAYTON

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a sad day for everyone in Chicagoland and for everyone who loved sports. But it was also a sad day for everyone who cherished the life of a special man whose influence extended far beyond the stadiums in which he played.

With the death of Walter Payton, we not only have lost one of football's greatest stars, but we have also lost one of America's greatest citizens.

His nickname was "Sweetness," the perfect description for a Hall of Fame running-back whose silky smooth performance on the football field was the bane of most defenses.

There is no doubt that Walter Payton will be remembered for his records, especially his remarkable all-time rushing total of 16,726 yards over his 13-year career. More importantly, however, he will be remembered for the grace and dignity with which he carried himself both on and off the field.

A lifelong Chicago Bears fan, I have sat in the bitter cold of Soldier Field only to have my spirit warmed by Water Payton's fierce determination and his amazing feats of athletic prowess. But I also saw the way he warmed people's hearts in his everyday life. He was someone who recognized the power of faith and the value of teamwork.

As a local business owner in my district, Walter Payton played an important role in the economic revitalization of downtown Aurora, IL. While he built a successful restaurant and created new jobs for the area, he also became an integral part of the community.

It was the same with the Bears. Walter Payton was the glue that often held a fractious team together. By his own example and leadership, he helped younger players meet new challenges, while at the same time encouraging veterans to reach new heights.

As a high school coach, I saw the way Walter Payton inspired young athletes to strive to do their best. He was a true role model because he exemplified an important life lesson that teaches us that success requires hard work, discipline, and concentration.

It was a philosophy that made him physically powerful and spiritually centered. And it should come as no surprise that he approached his recent illness head-on, with the same courage and grit he displayed on the field.

But there was another side to Walter Payton—the playful and mischievous side that delighted fans, friends, and teammates. Walter Payton had the confidence to live his life to the fullest. And he had the rare ability to make us revel in that life along with him.

Just last February, Walter Payton said: "It's just like football. You never know when or what your last play is going to be. You just

play it and play it because you love it. Same way with life. You live life because you love it. If you can't love it, you just give up hope."

Walter Payton never gave up hope. It is with fondness for that spirit that we remember him today and forever.

HONORING JAMESSETTA A. HALLEY-BOYCE, PH.D

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Jamesetta A. Halley-Boyce.

Dr. Jamesetta A. Halley-Boyce, a native New Yorker received her Ph.D. in Health Care Services Administration from the Walden University of Indiana at Bloomington. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Hunter College and her Master's from New York University. She holds a Certificate of Training from the Johnson and Johnson Fellows Program (Class of 1985) in Management for Executive Nurses, from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business.

During her twenty-one year career with the Department of Veterans Affairs, she held increasingly more challenging assignments in nursing leadership positions as VA Medical Centers throughout the United States. Her last assignment was Chief of Nursing Service at the Brooklyn VAMC where her responsibilities included the delivery of nursing care at the Medical-Surgical Hospital on the Main Campus, the Ambulatory Care Clinic at Ryerson Street in Brooklyn and the St. Albans Extended Care Center in Queens, New York. Additionally, Dr. Halley-Boyce has served as Chief of Nursing at the VAMCs in Asheville, North Carolina, Northport, Long Island, New York, and East Orange, New Jersey. In 1987, Dr. Halley-Boyce appeared before the Committee on Veterans Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, to give testimony as the Chief, Nursing Service member of a panel of VA field experts. The two-day hearings addressed the impact of the President's proposed fiscal year 1988 Veterans Administration Budget.

Recognized as a leader in the profession of Nursing, Dr. Halley-Boyce has held elected offices in the New Jersey State Nurses' Association, the New York State Nurses' Association's Council on Human Rights and the Inter-professional Relations Committee of the Medical Society of the County of Kings, Inc. She is past President of the Greater New York/Nassau/Suffolk Organization of Nurse Executives and is a previous Board Member of the New York State Organization of Nurse Executives. She is the only professional nurse on the Editorial Board of the Medical Herald, a National Urban Health Care Newspaper. Dr. Halley-Boyce is a recognized expert on quality management in the delivery of health care services and has lectured widely and pub-

lished on this subject. She has held numerous faculty appointments; at the Seton Hall University, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Duke University, Thomas Edison State College, the State University Center at Stony Brook, and currently at the SUNY-Health Science Center at Brooklyn. In 1991, she founded the Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. Mentor Program partnership with the SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn College of Nursing and University Hospital's Department of Nursing Services. As a result of that Membership Program, several hundred student nurses at UHB and most recently at New York City Technical College, have successfully made the transition into the profession of nursing.

In October 1990, Dr. Halley-Boyce joined the State of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn, Downstate Medical Center, as the Chief Nurse Executive Officer. She currently serves as the Interim Vice President for Hospital Affairs & Chief Executive Officer of University Hospital of Brooklyn. Dr. Halley-Boyce, a Diplomate of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) was appointed a member of the Regent's Advisory Council for the New York area in 1997. Dr. Halley-Boyce is also an active member of several other professional organizations on the national, state and local levels, including the National Association of Health Services Executives, the American Organization of Nurse Executives, American Nurses' Association, Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Chi Eta Phi Sorority.

In addition to her distinguished professional career and active membership in several professional organizations, Dr. Halley-Boyce has also received several awards for achievement, leadership and outstanding community service. Awards such as: Federal Executive Manager of the Year 1990, awarded by the Greater New York Federal Executive Board; The Community Service Award for Outstanding Contribution and Dedication to the Brooklyn Community by the HSCB/UHB Community Advisory Board; and the Women of Distinction Award by the YMCA of Brooklyn.

TRIBUTE TO WANGKAY FANG

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to WangKay Fang, a leader in the Hmong community who passed away on October 6, 1999 in Fresno. Mr. Fang left behind six brothers, nine sisters, five daughters, three sons and twelve grandchildren, along with many fellow countrymen and women.

Mr. Fang will forever be remembered as one of the respected Hmong leaders who spent his entire life dedicated to helping his fellow countrymen during and after the cold war in Laos. During the U.S./Vietnam War,

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Captain WangKay Fang served 15 years for the United States Secret Army operation, in Laos under the command of General Vang Pao. His service and dedication shall remain etched in history for generations to come. Mr. Fang's military leadership has contributed to the common interests of the world in order to protect against the spread of communism, and preserve peace, freedom and democracy in Southeast Asia.

During the U.S./Vietnam War, Mr. Fang was the mission commander of the Special Guerilla Unit to fight against communists and rescue U.S. pilots shot down in Laos. In addition, Mr. Fang was in charge of the military department for medical personnel.

Mr. WangKay Fang arrived in the United States in August, 1976 as a political refugee from Laos. His family re-settled in California. Mr. Fang worked diligently to address the Hmong and Laotian resettlement difficulties in a new society. During his 24 years of re-settlement in the United States, Mr. Fang took on numerous leadership roles: chairman of the Hmong International New Year in Fresno from 1966–1998; co-founder of the Hmong Youth Foundation of Fresno; co-founder and President of the United Hmong International Council from 1996–1998; co-founder and Vice President of the Hmong National Council of Fresno from 1994–1996; co-founder and board member of the Hmong Council from 1981–91, and vice president from 1992–1994; Board member for the Lao Community of Fresno from 1981–1991; co-founder and board member for the Lao Family Community headquarters in Orange County from 1978–1981.

Mr. Fang is also an active member of political advocacy in the Hmong community worldwide. He has dedicated his entire life in the United States to the promotion of freedom, democracy and human rights for the people and region of Southeast Asia.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. WangKay Fang for his dedication to preserve freedom. Mr. Fang is honored by his family members and his fellow countrymen as an honorable leader who was generous and honest. I urge my colleagues to join me in extending my condolences to the Hmong and Laotian community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, November 1, 1999 I was unavoidably absent from this chamber and therefore missed rollcall vote 550 (on passage of H.R. 348), rollcall vote 551 (on passage of H.R. 2737) and rollcall vote 552 (on passage of H.R. 1714). I want the record to show that had I been present in this chamber I would have voted "yes" on rollcall votes 550 and 551 and "no" on rollcall vote 552.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLEVELAND BROWNS

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cleveland Browns football team on their first NFL win as an expansion team. This win, in only their 8th game since being reincarnated, was impressive and magical. As a loyal fan of the team, I watched quarterback Tim Couch's last second "Hail Mary" 56-yard pass sail into the awaiting hands of wide receiver Kevin Johnson. The prayers of Cleveland fans were answered with the 21–16 win.

I applaud the team and its "never-say-die" attitude and efforts to win against the New Orleans Saints in this game. The two first-year players involved in the winning play, Couch and Johnson, have proven themselves stars already in their rookie season. But the efforts of the whole team and the entire Browns organization must be applauded. From owner Al Lerner and Team President Carmen Policy down to the individual players, everyone has exemplified themselves and the City of Cleveland by playing with the heart of champions.

I congratulate the Cleveland Browns on this historic win, the first of what will undoubtedly be many exciting victories.

HONORING MAXINE C. BROWN-REID

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maxine C. Brown-Reid, a leader in healthcare.

As Deputy Executive Director at Kings County Hospital Center, Ms. Brown-Reid is responsible for Network Ambulatory Care Services, Managed Care and Community Health. Her areas of responsibility include the hospital's clinics and Emergency Departments (except Behavioral Health Services), the East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center, ten Family Health Services Clinics and the Flatbush Health Center, the newest off-site facility.

Ms. Brown-Reid began her tenure with Kings County Hospital Center in 1982 as an Administrative Resident to the Executive Director. At the end of the one year program, she was appointed as Assistant Director for Pediatric Outpatient Services, followed by a promotion to Associate Director of Maternal and Child Health Services, Outpatient.

After seven years at Kings County Hospital Center, Ms. Brown-Reid relocated to Jacksonville, Florida, where she was the first black Administrator for Emergency Services at University Medical Center. Upon her return to New York, Ms. Brown rejoined the Network family by accepting a position as Deputy Executive Director at the East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center, and while there she was promoted to her current Network position.

Ms. Brown-Reid received her undergraduate degree from Fordham University and her MPA from New York University. She is also a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the American Hospital Association's Society for Ambulatory Care Professionals.

Mr. Speaker, I would like you and my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to join me in honoring Ms. Maxine C. Brown-Reid.

HONORING STAVROS NICHOLAS KALOMIRIS AND VIOLET RECKAS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stavros Kalomiris and Violet Reckas. They were the recipients of St. George Greek Church's Georgie Awards.

Stavros Nicholas Kalomiris: Stavros was born in Anniston, Alabama, on April 2, 1925. His family moved to Fresno when he was 8 months old. Stavros graduated from Fresno High School in 1943. He then joined the Marine Corps after graduation and served in the Pacific Theater for 3 years. Stavros saw action on Iwo Jima. He returned to Fresno after the war.

On February 17th, 1952, he married Clara Mitchell from Stockton, California. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Stavros worked for the City of Fresno, Street Department, for 25 years and retired in 1978.

Stavros served on the St. George Parish Council in 1959 and 60. He also served as St. George Youth Advisor for over 10 years and ran Camp Keola at Huntington Lake for many years before St. Nicholas Ranch was established. Stavros assisted Father Bakas at St. Nicholas Ranch by transporting campers to and from the ranch.

Stavros has been a life long member of St. George Golden Age activities as tour director for over 10 years and a member of the Order of Ahepa for over 40 years.

Stavros volunteers at Special Olympics every year. He and his family have been a very important part of St. George Church and the Greek Community for many years.

Violet Reckas: Vi is one of nine children born to Peter and Vasiliki Reckas. A native of Fresno, Vi's affinity for ecclesiastical music came naturally: her father was a cantor for the Church which, at the time, was but a few blocks away from the family home. Vi attended Edison High School, and wound up working in the family bakery during World War II while her brothers were away.

The St. George Choir has been organized by her brother John prior to the war. Vi took over the direction of the choir at the urging of Dr. Limberakis during his tenure at St. George. During the 80's, Vi's outstanding work with the choir was recognized by (Bishop) Metropolitan Anthony Lakovos with a Gold Medallion. Vi's involvement with the choir became somewhat curtailed in 1991 when a tumor was discovered.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 18, 1999 I was unavoidably absent from this chamber and therefore missed rollcall vote 508. I want the record to show that had I been present in this chamber I would have voted "yea" on vote 508.

I also missed rollcall vote 512 on Tuesday, October 19, 1999. I want the record to show that if I had been able to be present in this chamber when this vote was cast, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 512.

IN HONOR OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN VETERANS

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the Mexican-American veterans who have served the United States of America in war and peace throughout the course of our nation's history.

Hispanos fought against the British during the American Revolution. In 1779, General Bernardo de Galvez of New Orleans led an army against the British, defeating them in key battles along the Mississippi River at Baton Rouge and Pensacola, Florida. The General's army captured eight British warships and over 5,000 British soldiers. And in 1836, Mexican-Americans fought in the battle for the Lone Star State, Texas. Nine Mexican-Americans died during the Battle of the Alamo.

Historically, over 500,000 Mexican-Americans served during World War II and the Korean War. In the Vietnam War, Mexican-Americans represented 20% of the combat troops, yet were only 10% of the total population of the United States! And in April of 1999, two of the Americans who were captured and held in Kosovo as prisoners of war were Latinos, Sgt. Andrew Ramirez and Spec. Steven Gonzales.

Patriotic, heroic, and loyal to their country, Mexican-Americans have stood united against the enemies who have threatened America's freedom. Colleagues, please join me today in saluting the Mexican-American Veterans who have honored our country with their bravery and dedication.

HONORING ROBERT "RED" McKEON ON RECEIVING THE FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robert "Red" McKeon on receiving the Firefighter of the Year award from the National Volunteer Fire Council. Red embodies the characteristics which make volunteer firefighters extraordinary public servants.

Red McKeon has been active in the volunteer firefighter community on the local, state, national and international levels for more than fifty years. In 1944, he joined the Occum Volunteer Fire Department in Occum, Connecticut. After serving in a number of positions, he became Chief in 1960. He served in that position for the next thirty four years. This tenure is a testament to Red's leadership skills, innovative practices and commitment to his community. Under Red's leadership, the Occum Volunteer Fire Department achieved a number of "firsts" in the State of Connecticut. Occum was the first department to have two-way radio communication equipment in fire trucks and other vehicles; the first to have a computer in the station which could provide a wide array of training to keep skills sharp; and the first department to have certified firefighters and emergency medical technicians. In 1970, Red established the Occum volunteer ambulance service to ensure that the residents of Occum and the surrounding communities could receive state-of-the-art emergency medical treatment within minutes.

Red has been a pioneer in other areas as well. He has worked for a number of years to develop a pension system for volunteer firefighters. Unlike their career counterparts, our volunteer firefighters do not receive a pension after decades of service to their communities. Red worked to establish a system in the State of Connecticut which allows communities to establish voluntary retirement programs for volunteers. Under Red's plan, communities can provide a small, but extremely crucial, amount of retirement income to men and women who have safeguarded our lives and property for decades. This is another example of Red's commitment to the volunteer firefighters of Connecticut.

Red has also served in a number of state and national volunteer firefighter organizations. He has been a member of the Connecticut State Firemen's Association since 1944 serving as its President between 1977 and 1978 and Treasurer since 1979. He has also participated in a wide array of other state-based organizations, including the Fire Chiefs' Technical Advisory Committee, Emergency Medical Advisory Committee, and the Fire Department Safety Officers Association.

On the national level, Red has been an active member of the National Volunteer Fire Council—the largest volunteer firefighter organization in the country—for many years. Between 1991 and 1994, he served as the Council's President following five years as Second Vice President. As Vice President and President, Red worked on behalf of volunteers across the country to ensure that they received the latest firefighting and emergency medical training and were represented with a united voice at all levels of government. In this capacity, Red was a trusted advisor to Congress and the Executive branch.

Mr. Speaker, Red McKeon exemplifies the very best of volunteer firefighters across this country. Over fifty five years of active service as a volunteer firefighter, Red has worked tirelessly to modernize and strengthen volunteer fire departments in eastern Connecticut and nationwide. I commend him for receiving the Firefighter of the Year award and thank him for his service to Connecticut and the nation.

HONORING DOCTOR VINCENT CALAMIA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Vincent Calamia, a shining example of what physicians in this country should aspire to be.

Dr. Vincent Calamia, F.A.C.P., F.A.C.E. is the President of the largest group practice in New York City, University Physicians Group, as well as the Director of Geriatrics at Staten Island University Hospital. He also conducts a private practice in Endocrinology on Staten Island. Dr. Calamia is a Diplomate in Internal Medicine, Endocrinology, Geriatrics, and Quality Assurance. In addition, he is Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at the State University of New York at Brooklyn.

Mr. Speaker, one would think with all these responsibilities that Dr. Calamia would not have time for much else in his life, but he makes a generous portion of his time available for medical humanitarian efforts. He serves on the Board of the MSO of the North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System, Board of the MSO of the Beth Israel Health System, and on the Board of the Alzheimer's Association of Staten Island. Dr. Calamia is also Vice President of the Children's Foundation of the Ukraine, which supports orphanages in the Ukraine. This coming summer with the help of Dr. Eugene Holuka and under the auspices of the Forum Club, the Foundation will be sponsoring the open-heart surgery of two children at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, I would like you and my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to join me in honoring Dr. Vincent Calamia.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 23, 1999, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber and therefore missed rollcall vote 442. I want the record to show that had I been present in this chamber I would have voted "yea" on this vote.

I also missed rollcall vote 456 on Tuesday, September 28, 1999. I want the record to show that if I had been able to be present in this chamber when this vote was cast, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 456.

IN HONOR OF PLAST, UKRAINIAN AMERICAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Greater Cleveland chapter of PLAST, Ukrainian American Youth Organization on their fiftieth anniversary. I am honored to attend the commemorative event celebrating this momentous occasion on December 5, 1999.

PLAST was founded in Ukraine in 1911. Because of the Soviet Union's rule over Ukraine after World War II, PLAST was eradicated from its native land. Post-World War II immigrants brought their Ukrainian ancestry with them to the free world and build up PLAST wherever they settled. The city of Cleveland was fortunate to have a chapter of PLAST develop and flourish in the area.

Now, three generations later, PLAST is still nurturing its youth in the Greater Cleveland area. The organization is dedicated to developing character, citizenship, and ethnic pride. They also share a profound love of nature and express this through their many services around the community. As important as anything, PLAST also values and teaches leadership qualities among American youth of Ukrainian ancestry. The honor and integrity the youth are developing through PLAST will stay with them throughout their life as they become the leaders of our community.

I urge my fellow colleagues to please join me in recognizing the fiftieth anniversary of such an honorable organization as the Cleveland chapter of PLAST, Ukrainian American Youth Organization and wish them many more years of growth and success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on October 18, 1999, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to vote on the following measures:

I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 505;

I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 506;

I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 507; and

I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 508.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, on November 1, 1999, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to cast my vote on the following measures:

On rollcall vote 550 I would have voted "yea";

Also on rollcall vote 551 I would have voted "yea"; and

Lastly on rollcall vote 552, I would have voted "yea."

INTRODUCTION OF SMART KIDS—SAFE KIDS ACT

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a crucial piece of legislation designed to prevent abuse and abduction of our nation's children.

As the mother of an eight-year-old, I know all too well the efforts we go through as parents to keep our children safe and protected. We worry about the times children may be unsupervised or find themselves in unfamiliar situations.

In my district, there is a civic group called Smart Kids—Safe Kids that works to educate our children about the signs of abuse and who to talk to about abuse. Schools and community groups are trying to fight back against the horrors of child abuse and abduction, but unfortunately, they just do not have the resources they need to do so effectively.

The Smart Kids—Safe Kids Act, which I am introducing with my Republican colleague KEVIN BRADY, will make specific child safety programs eligible for federal grants already available to school based organizations. These programs will teach students from preschool through grade 12 the skills to identify and cope with potentially dangerous and threatening situations. And it gives students guidance to encourage them to seek advice for anxiety, threats of abuse and actual abuse.

When our children know the rules, they are smart kids; and Smart Kids can be Safe kids.

INTRODUCTION OF SMART KIDS—SAFE KIDS ACT

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to announce that over 30 members will join Congresswoman ELLEN TAUSCHER and myself in introducing the Smart Kids—Safe Kids Act. This bipartisan legislation is designed to help prevent the abuse and abduction of children.

In every city in every congressional district across the nation, our children are being led into harms way. While a majority of child abductions are by non-custodial parents, many are not. And helping prevent these kind of tragedies from occurring in the future is something we should all work towards. Unfortunately, this is a threat that knows no boundaries and can happen anytime.

For example, on September 12, 1995, in Conroe, Texas, 12-year-old Samuel McKay Everett was lured from home by a family friend on the pretext that his mother and father had been in an awful accident. McKay was then forced into the trunk of a car and driven 300 miles to Louisiana. Tragically, McKay was brutally murdered. Since the time of McKay's abduction, I have worked with his family and friends to help prevent this type of tragedy from happening again.

Smart Kids/Safe Kids will amend the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act to help make specific safety programs available to our children. It will authorize grants for age-appropriate, developmentally based, or community oriented safety programs for all students, from preschool level through grade 12, that address prevention and education of child abuse and abduction. These programs will focus on teaching students the skills to identify and cope with potentially dangerous and threatening situations. They will also provide guidance to students that encourages them to seek advice for anxiety, threats of abuse, or actual abuse and to confide in a trusted adult regarding an uncomfortable or threatening situation.

We can arm our children with effective tools to avoid potentially dangerous situations. When our children know the rules, they are

smart kids; and Smart Kids can be Safe Kids. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO TUN PETE PANGELINAN

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Pedro Muna Pangelinan, better known as Tun Pete of Yona, Guam. Tun Pete passed away on October 25, 1999 at the age of 86. During his life time, he experienced many events in Guam's history and he served his island community and family in ways which bring honor and dignity to the name Tun Pete.

Tun Pete lived a simple existence which was steeped in his personal pride in the Chamorro way of life. He understood that being Chamorro was not a slogan or just a matter of personal identity, but was part of a long cultural tradition which needed to be nurtured, practiced and passed on to future generations. During the course of his life, he became a master trapmaker, accomplished and creative weaver and a cultural teacher of the generations which came after him. While the younger people were more schooled, Tun Pete demonstrated that he was much wiser and more knowledgeable about many important things in life.

Tun Pete became a legend in Guam through his ability to make bamboo traps for shrimp in Guam's rivers and streams and through his creative application of coconut leaf weaving techniques passed down in Guam for generations. Tun Pete took the craft of weaving to new creative expressions as he made baskets for Easter egg hunts, center pieces and chandeliers for christenings and weddings. He even made them for the occasional political event for candidates he felt close to and I am especially grateful and honored for the courtesies he extended to me.

Tun Pete's abilities were eventually recognized by the people of Guam and he became a teacher in the Chamorro Language and Culture program and demonstrated his talents to students at the Guam Community College and the University of Guam. The expertise and talent of this quiet, unassuming gentleman who worked as a custodian at M.U. Lujan Elementary School finally received the acclamation he so richly deserved. He received the Governor's Art Award in 1992 for life time achievement and he wove all of the hats used by the Guam Governor's Youth Band in President Carter's inaugural parade in 1977.

Tun Pete also became recognized as a leader for our manamko's (senior citizens) in Guam. He participated in community meetings, spoke out for justice for Guam's World War II generation, spoke out for fairness and respect for the manamko'. He was elected Rai (king) of the May 1994 celebration of Senior Citizen's month in recognition of his popularity and advocacy.

The island of Guam, the people of Yona, my family will all miss Tun Pete enormously. He demonstrated that personal dignity can overcome handicaps in life that few of us will ever have to deal with. He was a personal inspiration to me, my wife Lorraine and to countless children in Guam.

Tun Pete leaves behind his children and their spouses, Antonia Pangelinan Taitano, Pedro Taitano and Teresita Pangeliman, Priscilla and Pedro Santos, Theophelia and Jesus Camacho, Joaquin and Julie Pangelinan. Si Yu'os ma'ase' Tun Pete put todo I che'cho'-mu. (Thank you Tun Pete for all of your work.)

TRIBUTE TO AL ZANE

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of my very good friend, Alexander Zane. Al has had a distinguished career spanning twenty-five years and thirteen diverse career assignments with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). I am proud to say that one of those assignments was in my congressional office where Al worked with the same dedication and professionalism for which he is well known and respected.

Al Zane came to my office in July, 1995 when I took the helm of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development (VA-HUD). As a seasoned professional, Al dove right in to investigating allegations of fraud at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which was no easy task. He served on my staff until February, 1997 and made contributions that are now being felt in communities across the United States. In addition to his professionalism, Al's ready smile, easy laugh and sincere friendship endeared him to my staff and made him a pleasure to work with. Truly, my staff and I were all sorry when Al's detail to our office was concluded.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing my gratitude to Alexander Zane for his dedicated service and wishing he, his wife, Mary, and family the very best in the years to come.

LUZ BENAVIDES

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor Luz Benavides of Corpus

Christi, Texas, who has just been awarded the Vida De Oro (Life of Gold) Award, bestowed by the American Association of Retired People (AARP) to recognize those who offer their time and services for the needs of the community.

I have known Luz Benavides for my entire adult life and she is the model of someone who lives a life of gold. She is one of three people who will be honored Saturday night at the Omni Bayfront in Corpus Christi for making major contributions to the senior community by virtue of her everyday hard work, nearly always out of the limelight.

Luz is 86 years old and a familiar face in the Coastal Bend of Texas, for she is involved in a host of activities, including the Nueces County Senior Citizens organization, the local AARP chapter, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the Senior Community Services, lobbying for issues about which she is passionate, and always helping her neighbors in need.

Luz embodies the powerful instruction of Christianity by visiting the sick and helping the needy. She also works with the Salvation Army, helping the homeless people in the Corpus Christi area, helping them find shelter in the winter months.

She is a political activist, working tirelessly in issue-related campaigns at all levels and on issues that matter to her and which affect all of us. She speaks mostly to issues that affect the elderly, the disabled and the neglected. Recently, she has lent her voice to the nursing home reform campaign in Texas.

She's never owned or operated a car, which is a tricky business in a sprawling city like Corpus Christi. Interestingly, she has never let that be an obstacle to the good deeds she does for the people she helps on a daily basis. When my mother died, Luz found a way to get from Corpus Christi to Robstown, my hometown nearby, to be with me for the funeral.

One of the most important things she does is to encourage people to vote and to participate in our democracy. She admonishes people that, "Su voto es su voz," your vote is your voice. There is no greater gift in our democracy and Luz knows that. She will stay at the polls the entire day on election day. That is all the more incredible knowing that she remains on post from the time the polls open until the time they close. She stands the whole time, and unless someone brings her food, she doesn't eat.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing a beautiful person who is being honored for the everyday work she does for the Coastal Bend community, Luz Benavides.

TRIBUTE TO KING BURSTEIN

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 70th birthday of a fine American, true friend, and outstanding community activist: Mr. King Burstein. King was born on November 10, 1929 in Malden, Massachusetts. Upon graduating from the University of California at Los Angeles, King began working with his father and his brother in a leather findings business.

In 1961, King was married, and in the next few years, he and his wife Lee became parents of two fine sons. In the 1970s, King—along with his brother—relocated the family leather business to Orange County.

King, together with Lee, has long been involved in community affairs and both national and local political issues. From his city council to the White House, King actively participates in the self-government that is the essence of our democracy. He has an admirable passion for doing what is right, and never hesitates to give time and resources when needed.

King and Lee have also been very involved with their temple, Temple Bat Yahn. King in particular is a leader in promoting education on key public policy issues both for members of his temple and for elected officials. He is extraordinarily well-read, and always informed about the significant issues of the day.

I am not alone among my colleagues here in the chamber in calling King Burstein a good personal friend. Those of you who do not know King personally will nonetheless recognize in him the same outstanding qualities that characterize that rare individual among your own constituents who is a true national leader. In recognition of his contributions to our country, to his community, and to his family, I know you will all join me in wishing King a very happy and prosperous 70th birthday, and many more to come.